മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. ബാലകൃഷ്ണമേനോൻ: ഉവ്വ്. അതിന്റെ മോൺ കൊടുക്കുവാൻ orders ആയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

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127. മിസ്റ്റർ എം. കെ. വർഗ്ഗീസ്: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവണ്മെണ്ട് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ,—

(എ) മലയാറ്റൂർ വില്ലേജിലെ മണപ്പാട്ട ചിറയുടെ പണി അവസാനിക്കുമ്പോൾ എത്ര അടി വീതിയും ഉയരവും ഉണ്ടാകും;

(ബി) ഇപ്പോൾ നടക്കുന്ന പണി ആരംഭിക്കുമ്പോൾ അതിന്റെ എത്ര അടി വീതിയും ഉയരവും ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു;

(സി) കൃഷിക്കാരുടെ ആവശ്യപ്രകാരമാണോ ഈ പണി നടത്തുന്നത്;

(ഡി) ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ പണി ആരംഭിക്കുന്നതിനു മുമ്പ് എത്ര എത്ര നിലങ്ങളിലെ കൃഷിക്ക് ആവശ്യമായ വെള്ളം സംഭരിക്കുവാൻ സാധിച്ചിരുന്നു;

(ഇ) പുതുക്കുന്ന ചിറകൊണ്ട് എത്ര എത്ര നിലങ്ങൾക്ക് ആവശ്യമായ വെള്ളം സംഭരിക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കുമെന്നുദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നു;

(എഫ്) ഇപ്പോൾ നടക്കുന്ന പണിക്ക് ആകെ എത്ര ഉറുപ്പിക ചിലവുവരും?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ:

(എ) ഇപ്പോൾ നടത്തുന്ന പണി അവസാനിച്ചാൽ ചിറക്ക് ഏകദേശം ൪൫ അടി ഉയരവും ചിറയുടെ മുകൾഭാഗത്തിന് ൧൦ അടി വീതിയും ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കും.

(ബി) ഏകദേശം ൩൬ അടി ഉയരവും മുകൾഭാഗത്തിന് ൧൦ അടി വീതിയും ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു.

(സി) അതെ.

(ഡി) ഏകദേശം ൨൩൫ ഏക്ക് വിരിപ്പ് മാൽ, മണ്ടകൻ പുഞ്ച നിലങ്ങൾക്കുവേണ്ടതായ വെള്ളം.

(ഇ) പുതിയ പണി അവസാനിച്ചാൽ അതിലെ വെള്ളം ഉപയോഗിച്ച് ഏകദേശം ൨൫൭ ഏക്ക് നിലങ്ങളിൽ ഒരു പൂവ്വുംകൂടി എടുക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കുമെന്ന് ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

(എഫ്) ൫൯,൦൦൦ ഉറുപ്പികയുടെ ഒരു എസ്റ്റിമേറ്റുപ്രകാരമുള്ള പണികളാണ്.

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. കെ. വർഗ്ഗീസ്: കൃഷിക്കാരുടെ ആവശ്യപ്രകാരമാണോ ഈ പണി നടത്തുന്നത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ: അതെ.

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. കെ. വർഗ്ഗീസ്: ഇതിന്റെ പണി ഇടക്കു നിറുത്തുകയുണ്ടായോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ: ഇല്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴുത്തച്ഛൻ: എസ്റ്റിമേറിനേക്കാളും ടെണ്ടർ എക്സ്സ് എത്ര വരും?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ: Actual ആയിട്ട് പറയുവാൻ നോട്ടിസ്സു വേണം.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴുത്തച്ഛൻ: ടെണ്ടർ കഴിഞ്ഞുവോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ: ടെണ്ടർ കഴിഞ്ഞു.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴുത്തച്ഛൻ: ഇതിലും ആദായകരമായി നടത്താവുന്ന പദ്ധതി വേറെയുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ: ഇങ്ങിനെ ജനറലായിട്ട് ചോദിച്ചാൽ പറയുവാൻ സാദ്ധ്യമല്ല.

ARTICLE IN THE "DEENABANDHU", DATED 31ST MAY 1946

128. Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) if their attention has been drawn to the statement published in the "Deenabandhu", dated 31st May 1946 by Comrade P. Narayanan, Secretary, Cochin Barbers' Union, under the Caption "പോലീസ് മുതലാളിത്വക്കുട്ടുകെട്ട്";

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(*b*) whether they have not received copies of resolutions passed by several organisations protesting against the high handed action of the Police mentioned in the statement above ;

(*c*) what action have they taken in the matter?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The matter was enquired into and the allegations were found to be false.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that on that particular day the barber shops in Mattancheri were all closed in protest of the incident ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* We are not aware.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* May I know, Sir, whether Government have an Intelligence Department working in Mattancheri also?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* May I take it that they have no information that there was a Hartal by the barbers working in Mattancheri ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Gvernment):* I am sure, if that was so, the Intelligence department would have that information. But what I say is, no report has been received by Government.

Mr. P. K. Dewer (*Nominated*) : May I ask whether Government have noted the report about this incident in newspapers?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* This particular article referred to has been noted by the Government.

Mr. P. K. Dewer (*Nominated*) : In other newspapers also there were reports regarding the closing of all barber shops in protest of the alleged ill-treatment of the Secretary of the Union on that particular day, and there was also a protest meeting of the Union. Have not these come to Government's notice?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I am afraid, no.

Mr. P. K. Dewer (*Nominated*): May I know, Sir, whether the complainant in this particular case has been interrogated ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government) :* Yes. The complainant was interrogated by the Sub-Inspector himself. As regards the examination of this complainant, I am prepared to say, what information Government have got in the matter. It seems there was a complaint put in against this complainant in the Magistrate's Court. The petition was forwarded to the Police for enquiry. Therefore the person was called to the Police Station ; certain information was gathered. And they thought it necessary to enter him in the bad character roll, for which purpose identification marks had to be noted. He was therefore asked to remove his shirt to note the identification marks. That is all what had happened.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* May I take it that that was the explanation given by the Police ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated) :* My point is whether comrade P. Narayanan has been given a chance to substantiate the allegations ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* In this matter also Government have not got details of investigation made by the Police. As directed by the Diwan President in the case of a similar question the other day, I have already sent out instructions to the Commissioner of Police that in such matters fuller details should be reported to the Government.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* So am I to take it that the matter will be reopened again ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* If there is any complaint in that matter I will be prepared to take up further investigation.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* You mean, if the complainant puts in a further complaint ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. M. K. Raja (*Mulakunnathukavu*): Will the Government consider the suggestion that in such cases whenever there are complaints made against the police it should be the practice that the Investigating Officer should take the version of the complainant also ?

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Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* As a matter of fact that has all along been our presumption. The fact that it has not been done has been suggested here. I have been made aware of that only after supplementary questions were raised here. We have issued further instructions to the Police in the matter.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* So is it the position that the Secretary did not consider it necessary to resort to this practice before supplementary questions were raised here?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* As a matter of fact, I, for a moment, never doubted that the complainant would not be examined. *(Laughter).*

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* My point is even after getting so many reports from the Police that the allegations of complainant are false, that the Secretary did not consider it worthwhile to begin to suspect these reports.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I am afraid, I did not at all suspect when the Police reported that the allegations of the complainants were false, that the complainants were not examined.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* May I know whether the Government has now at least noted that in all cases regarding ill-treatment of persons by Police officers, the Police report has been invariably that the allegations were un-true?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I said even the other day that that has been so. And I also said that there have been instances where complaints have been found to be true and where drastic disciplinary action entailing even dismissal from service has been ordered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether in this particular case the further investigation promised will be merely questioning the constables there and getting a negative answer?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* No, Sir.

FEMALE LABOUR—EXPLOITATION OF

129. Mrs. K. M. R. Menon *(Trichur-Women):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

are the Government aware that due to the scarcity of male labourers, there has been a certain amount of exploitation of female labour?

Mr. K. Balakrisha Menon *(Minister for Development):*

No.

Mrs. K. M. R. Menon *(Trichur-Women):* Sir, along with this question I sent 4 other questions and I am surprised that not one of them other than this has been answered. The questions that were sent are.....

Mr. President: Is the Hon'ble Member putting a supplementary question on this?

Mrs. K. M. R. Menon *(Trichur-Women):* When I sent my question it had 3 or 4 sub-divisions a, b, c, etc. But here I find only one sub-division answered.

Mr. President: The Secretary to the Council explains that the various sub-divisions to the Hon'ble Member's question related to different matters. Therefore he had to split the question into several questions.

Mrs. K. M. R. Menon *(Trichur-Women):* May I know, Sir, whether there is any discrimination in the payment of wages to women and men that are employed for the same type of work?

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Development):* There is some difference.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* Are not the Government aware that for some time past there has been a tendency to employ too many women even in preference to men?

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Development):* Government have not come across any such instances of that particular tendency.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* Are Government aware that there has been an unusually large number of women employees for some years now?

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Development):* Government have not taken any statistics about that. Therefore Government are not in possession of information required by the Hon'ble Member.

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